GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Old Age Pension
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of male and female senior citizens in the country as per the census of 2011, gender-wise;

(b) the number of senior citizens to whom no financial assistance is being provided as pension, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to make any provision to provide old age pension to such senior citizens under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government also proposes to increase the pension amount by Rs. 200 to the persons in age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500 to the persons in the age group of 80 years and above under the said programme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) : As per the Census 2011 report the number of male and female senior citizens in the Country is 5.10 crore and 5.28 crore respectively.

(b) : Old Age Pension is provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to the persons of 60 years or more and belonging to below poverty line (BPL) household. The details of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS is at Annexure.

(c) : At present, there is no proposal to cover all senior citizens under IGNOAPS.

(d) : Under IGNOAPS, central assistance of Rs.200/- per month is provided to the persons in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs.500/- per month is provided to the persons of 80 years or more. At present, there is no proposal to increase the rate of assistance under IGNOAPS.

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